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TOMORROW**

The Labour Myth

NETAJI Subhas Chandra Bose has consistently and categorically maintained that the change in the British Government at home will not make the least difference to India. Almost all Indians inside and outside India have expressed suspicion and doubt whether the Labour Party in power can or will implement its grand promises, which promises for all intents and purposes fall short of India's demand for complete independence. At the time of the British Elections, the leaders of the Labour Party who are now senior ministers in the British Government, made it clear that the Labour Party had nothing more to offer to India than Churchill's Government had done and that they have nothing but admiration and praise for Amery's India policy. The one and only significant change that the Labour leaders promised was that the India Office would be abolished and Indian affairs would be transferred to the Dominions Office.

It will be remembered that this promise regarding the abolition of the India Office was made repeatedly till the very last days of the election campaign, though the Labour Party had declared in black and white that India was not an election issue at all. At the same time, Labour leaders as well as other political leaders and observers in England have admitted that the transfer of India to the Dominions Office will mean very little more than "merely changing the name-plate on the door". The only aim and purpose of this gesture, on the part of the Labour Government was to make a psychological impression on the Indian people.

But now according to the latest reports on the appointments in the British Cabinet, Pethick Lawrence is to occupy the post of Secretary of State for India who is well known for his verbal hecklings in India debates as the Rev. Reginald Sorensen. From this appointment it is quite clear that India WILL continue to be under the absolute dictatorship of an India Secretary with a different man occupying the seat now.

Thus the Labour Party is going back on the one promise they made—the one promise of a trivial and nominal change. They are not going to abolish the India Office. If it was previously argued that the transfer of India to the Dominions Office would be tangible proof of Labour's sincere desire to transfer power ultimately to Indian hands, the fact that Labour is not making this change is positive proof that Labour's coming to power will not make the least difference to India.

Compromise-minded Indian leaders must now at least realise the folly of indulging in wishful thinking. India cannot afford to rely upon the attitude of the British Government—Labour or Conservative. The only way to achieve India's complete independence is to take full advantage of the international situation and to fight with unyielding determination using the **ACTUAL FORCE** of the Indian people's fighting spirit.

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Governors' Conference Ends; Intensification Of India Plunder Seen

Labour Election Promise To India Proves False

According to a New Delhi dispatch the Provincial Governors' Conference called by Lord Wavell ended on Thursday afternoon after a two-day session. The dispatch adds that no official announcement has been made regarding the nature of the subjects discussed.

Competent observers do not expect the British authorities to disclose the exact nature of the subjects discussed, because they are certain these subjects deal with the further intensification of the loot and plunder of India's resources to wage the Far Eastern war. This Conference would further pave the way for the return of popular Ministries in Section 93 Provinces, in order to give the impression that the people of the Provinces are co-operating in Britain's war effort.

Commenting upon the speculation that Mr. Pethick-Lawrence will be named as Amery's successor, well-informed quarters here are of the opinion that if this is true then, Mr. Bevin's promise before the election that the India Office will be scrapped if Labour were returned to power will have been given the go-by, as is usually the case with pledges made to India by the British. Labour circles openly say now that the mechanic of the transfer of India to the Dominions Office may prove to be somewhat involved.

Pethick Lawrence Now Named India Secretary

Lisbon, Aug. 3 (Domei)—A London dispatch today reported that British Prime Minister Clement Attlee, after an audience with the King, this morning announced the following appointments in the new Labour Government:

Home Secretary—Chuter Ede; Dominions Secretary—Lord Addison; Secretary of State for India—Frederick William Pethick-Lawrence; Colonial Secretary—G. H. Hall; First Lord of the Admiralty—Albert V. Alexander; Secretary of War—John J. Lawson; Secretary for Air—Viscount Stansgate; Secretary for Scotland—Joseph Westwood; Minister of Labour and National Service—George Isaacs; Minister of Education—Miss Ellen Wilkinson; Minister of Health—Aneurin Bevan; Minister of Agriculture—Tom Williams; Minister of Supply and Aircraft Production—John Wilmot; Minister of War Transport—Alfred Barnes; Minister of Food—Sir Ben Smith; Minister of Fuel—Emanuel Shinwell; Minister of State—P. J. Noel-Baker; Minister of Pensions—

DISSENSIONS AND DIFFICULTIES IN ENEMY CAMP HELD SURE SIGN OF NIPPON'S ULTIMATE VICTORY

Nippon Determined To Prosecute War To Bitter End For Permanent Peace, Says Lt. Col. Nakajima

Expressing firm determination to prosecute the War of Greater East Asia to the very end in order to attain real and permanent peace based upon racial understanding and agreement, Lt.-Col. Shozo Nakajima, Chief Spokesman of the Imperial Nippon Forces in the Southern Regions, stated at his Press Conference yesterday that the contradictions and difficulties that are mounting in the enemy countries signify our victory. In order to attain this final victory we require the supreme effort of the East Asiatic nations, emphasized the Chief Spokesman.

Lt.-Col. Nakajima continuing his statement said: I have already stated at the last special Press Conference how ridiculous the Potsdam proclamation was which has exposed the contradictions that exist among the enemy countries. In the United States the New York Times described it as 'a big blunder of Truman's policy.' In Australia the Foreign Minister was very indignant over this measure because Australia was not consulted before the issuance of the proclamation.

The Three-Power proclamation is aimed to weaken the Nippon people's morale and at the same time creating a gap between the military and the civilians. But their aim has

not been fulfilled. It was not only ignored by the Nippon people but has helped to strengthen the people's morale.

Ever since Truman became President there was a section of opinion that he was not a reliable man to pull his state through the crisis, and this opinion has come to pass with the issuance of the proclamation.

Gen. Jiro Minami, president of Dai Nippon Seiji Kai, in a recent statement, expressed the general sentiment of the Nippon people when he said that Nippon cannot consider peace negotiations until the entire East Asia races are free from the Anglo-American exploitation, and until Nippon and the East Asia nations can be assured of peaceful lives based on goodwill, justice and equality.

Nippon is a peace-loving nation and what its people desire is real peace. It is not that "peace" which is forced upon a nation by arms with the ulterior motive of exploitation and deception. It is the peace based upon racial understanding and agreement, and in order to bring about this true peace halfway measures or compromises cannot be entertained. There is only one way, and that is to fight to the very end. This is the firm determination

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No Secret Agreements At Potsdam Conference Says President Truman

Lisbon, Aug. 3 (Domei)—American President Harry Truman, after leaving Plymouth, England, aboard the United States cruiser 'Augusta' en route home from the Potsdam Conference, today told reporters that he made "no secret agreements of any kind" with British Prime Minister Clement Attlee and Soviet Premier Josef Stalin during the "Big Three" discussions, according to a Reuter dispatch from aboard the cruiser 'Augusta'.

If Truman's statement is true, it appears that no commitments regarding the Far East were made by the "Big Three" leaders at the Potsdam Conference.

Wilfred Paling, and Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury—William Whiteley.

The announcement said that the King has approved a barony for Pethick-Lawrence, who will go to the House of Lords, and has sanctioned that Isaacs, Aneurin Bevan, John Wilmot, Alfred Barnes and Shinwell be made Privy Councillors.

Lord Addison has been named the Leader of the House of Lords, it said.

Manpower Shortage & Economic Difficulties Crush U.S. Homefront

Lisbon, Aug. 3 (Domei)—Further evidence of America's domestic difficulties today was reflected in a Washington dispatch which quoted the United States War Production Board as saying that continued high demands coupled with manpower shortages and backlogs of unfilled orders are delaying the production of goods for civilian use.

Labour and equipment shortages, the W.P.B. said, are still hampering food processing, while there has been no improvement in the delivery of electrical motors and control equipment.

With the lifting of controls from the majority of industries, the problem now is to bring supply and requirements into balance, the Board declared.

Indicating that the administration has its hands full in attempting to solve other economic difficulties, the War Production Board urged industries to make "every reasonable effort to find an answer to their own problem except where materials and components are required for military production and where emergency circumstances arise."

Britain Creates More Minorities To Thwart Indian Freedom Issue

Anglo-American Interest In Industrialization

An indictment of British policy of creating minority problems in India was made by Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, Government of India's representative with the Burmese Government, states a New Delhi despatch.

Presiding over the annual meeting of the Democratic Swaraj Party in Poona on Wednesday Mr. Mehta said that no solution of the Indian political deadlock is possible unless the British Government gives up its argument that absence of agreement among the political parties in India stands in the way of the country's progress. The British Government's present policy did not protect minorities, but only created fresh minorities, asserted Mr. Mehta.

Interviewed by a Reuter's representative in London, Sir Ardeshr Dalal, Planning Member of the Government of India according to a New Delhi report, said: "I can say that I have evidence of keen desire on the part of the United Kingdom, as well as the United States and Canada to assist in the industrialization of India." It should be understood that this keen interest evinced by Britain, Canada and the United States in the industrialization of India is in the hope they might be able to share in the economic exploitation of the country.

North China Prepared To Meet Foe Attempts

Shanghai, Aug. 4 (Domei)—The people in North China are now fully prepared to meet any possible landing on the China coast by United States forces, Lieut.-General Kusumoto Sanetake, Minister in charge of the Nippon Embassy Office in Peking who arrived in Shanghai Tuesday, July 31, told newspapermen on Wednesday afternoon.

Lieut.-General Kusumoto revealed that Nippon residents have been mobilized to place North China in a secure position to wage defensive fighting. Some of them are placed under direct control of the army to take part in active battle, while others are engaging in important industries contributing toward increasing fighting strength of North China.

Both Nippon and Chinese authorities of North China will continue to strive to contribute materially to Nippon's war effort in view of the necessity to integrate North China, Manchoukuo and Chosen into a solid defensive bulwark.

Potsdam Conference Results Announced

Zurich, Aug. 2 (Domei)—The outstanding results of the Potsdam Conference, which confined itself purely to the future of Germany and other European problems, as made known in the long report issued last night at the conclusion of the "Big Three" talks, are as follows.

Germany—Supreme authority will remain with the "Allied Control Council" in Berlin. Germany will be completely disarmed and demilitarized. All German war industries will be eliminated or controlled. No German central government will be established for some time. All "democratic" political parties will be permitted but an electoral system will be only gradually developed. The Three Powers will control Germany as an economic unit.

Reparations—The reparation claims of the U.S.S.R. and Poland will be met mainly by industrial removals from the Soviet zone of occupation, with the Anglo-American powers seizing their claims from the Western zone.

Frontiers—The Anglo-American powers will support Soviet claims to Koenigsberg and the northern triangle of East Prussia. Poland will take over the administration of the rest of East Prussia and all German territory to the East of the Oder-Neisse line, pending the final determination of Poland's Western frontier.

Joint Collaboration—France and Chungking have been invited to join the five-power council of foreign ministers which will normally meet in London. This council will draw up treaties of peace with Italy and other former Axis powers in Europe and effect further settlement with Germany.

World Organization—Neutral governments with the exception of the Franco Government may become members of the "United Nations World Organization."

Nippon Determined To Fight For Lasting Peace

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of the people of Nippon, and this must be the determination of the peoples of Greater East Asia, declared Lt.-Col. Nakajima.

War-weariness is evident in all enemy countries. One of the big reasons for this is the food problem. This is especially so in the European countries, which, even prior to the war, were not self-sufficient in food excepting a small portion of Southern Europe.

In Britain, even after the defeat of Germany, the people's rations were further cut down. The food shortage is also one of the reasons which brought about the defeat of the Conservative Party led by Churchill in the recent general election. The food situation in Germany is more severe and the people there are on the verge of starvation. How to pull through this coming Winter is one of the big problems confronting Europe today, added Lt.-Col. Nakajima.

The Spokesman further stated that in comparison with the European countries, the food problem in Nippon and the various countries in Greater East

Bodycrashing Attack At Puket Island Described

(By a Domei War Correspondent)

A Southern Base, Aug. 3 (Domei)—This is a story of how Sergeant-Major Tokunaga braved inclement weather and instantaneously sank one enemy cruiser with a body-crashing attack in waters off Puket Island on July 26.

Airmen of our special attack corps in this sector since an enemy task force approached the western coastline of the Malai Peninsula on July 24 had impatiently awaited the opportunity to attack the enemy. However, this part of the Malai Peninsula is at present in the midst of the rainy season. With torrential rains, whipping winds, poor visibility and treacherous air currents, Nippon planes have been prevented from taking off on attack missions.

However, by July 26 this air unit's operation could no longer be postponed. So, headed by Sergeant-Major Tokunaga, this special attack air unit took off in defiance of inclement weather to launch a daring broad daylight attack. After a few minutes planes of this unit lost contact with each other in the thick clouds. Sergeant-Major Tokunaga could see only one craft piloted by Corporal Omura who followed close behind. The two planes in close formation continued a strenuous search for the enemy.

Though trembling like a leaf in a storm, our planes knifed through the clouds. Suddenly an outline of an enemy surface craft came in view. Almost immediately Corporal Omura made a beeline for the enemy vessel. His plane seemed to cut through the sky like a streak of lightning. It will be a direct hit for sure. However, his plane was suddenly hit by enemy ac-ac fire within 50 metres of his target. Tokunaga helplessly watched it plunge into the sea. Then the Sergeant-Major decided it would be futile to attempt to sink this vessel only with one plane and its bombload. So he headed his plane back to base.

Upon reaching his base he immediately joined a new formation and took off, guiding other planes towards the target. When he was over his target he plunged into the enemy. His beautifully-executed body-crashing attack instantaneously sank one enemy cruiser. Another enemy warcraft was heavily crippled. These heavy blows dealt by our intrepid airmen forced the enemy to finally give up his invasion operation on Puket Island and retreat toward the Indian Ocean after sundown.

Asia is not so serious. Especially in the Southern Regions, the Military Administration has taken special pains to tackle the food problem.

Food is a very essential element in prosecuting the war and on this point we have the advantage over the enemy. This is a very strong point. In the enemy countries, both in their domestic and foreign affairs, the hardships are daily mounting.

Looking at the Greater East Asia War from every point of view, these contradictions and difficulties that are mounting in the enemy countries signify our victory. In order to attain this we require the supreme effort of the East Asiatic nations and only then we can be assured of victory, concluded the Chief Spokesman.

Chiang-Communist Clash Held Significant

Nanking, Aug. 3 (Domei)—The current fighting in Central Shensi between Chungking and Yen'an forces is of a different category than past clashes which have been settled locally through Chungking's one-sided employment of power. For one thing, Yen'an stole a march on Chungking by launching spirited propaganda warfare, while on the other hand pointing out that Chungking forces have been using American bazookas, it is warning against the danger of civil war in China.

Yen'an's stiff stand indicates it will not agree to a vague settlement of the present struggle in Central Shensi. The reason why Yen'an has boldly assumed a strong stand is Chungking's policy of openly challenging the former regime as reflected in current armed clashes in Central Shensi. Of late Chungking has been propagandizing it desires political settlement in relations with the Communist regime on the one hand, while on the other it has been making preparations for settlement by force.

Several facts however, go to show Chungking in reality is putting more emphasis on the war against Yen'an than on the war against Nippon. These factors include firstly, vigorous enforcement by Chungking of a Communist annihilation programme; secondly, political instruction of various armies and instructions to special organs—all of a strong anti-Communist tinge—and Chungking propaganda to peace areas treating Yen'an only as a traitor.

Reports have it that though Chungking is ostensibly talking loudly of a general offensive against Nippon, preparations for such an offensive have not been making smooth progress. Even the training of 30 divisions on an American basis will take a whole of this year, reports said. Circumstances being so, indications are that Chungking believes it must dispose of the Yen'an issue before beginning a general offensive against Nippon. It is also believed Chungking hopes by putting pressure militarily on Yen'an before the end of world-wide hostilities and thus disposing of the Yen'an issue, it can effect unification of China and obtain a favourable international position in the post-war period.

Against such a Chungking ambition Yen'an apparently believes it must stake all in political warfare against Chiang Kai-shek's regime.

New Zealand Forces To Be Reduced Drastically

Lisbon, Aug. 3 (Domei)—New Zealand Prime Minister Peter Fraser today announced that New Zealand's armed forces will be reduced from 100,000 to 55,000 but New Zealand will remain in the fight against Nippon according to her ability, manpower and other resources, a Wellington dispatch reported here.

The army overseas will be reduced from 39,000 to 18,200; while the home forces will be cut from 16,000 to 8,400, he said. The air force will be reduced from 35,000 to 21,500; with small reductions being made in navy personnel.

The New Zealand Prime Minister's declaration significantly followed close on the heels of Australia's recent announcement of its intention to effect a big curtailment of Australia's armed strength.

Indo-China Takes Active Part To Defend Homeland

(By a Domei War Correspondent)

Hanoi, Aug. 3 (Domei)—Along the Indo-China border region Nippon garrison forces are now carrying out determined forestalling attacks against activities of Chungking troops in this sector. Behind these Nippon defence operations are the unsung activities and whole-hearted co-operation of the volunteers of Vietnam who are firmly resolved to defend to the bitter end their newly-won freedom against enemy aggression.

During the latter part of July when Nippon forces in the Moncay-Tonghing sector put to rout Chungking troops there, a number of self-styled "revolutionists" were engaged in guerrilla activities against Nippon troops at the instigation of the Americans. However, these "revolutionists" have been working havoc with innocent natives by ruthlessly plundering and looting them thereby, arousing bitter resentment. Naturally the natives hailed Nippon troops when they reached their neighbourhood and readily joined up with our forces, offering every co-operation. The willingness of these natives to co-operate with our forces was demonstrated by the increasing number of volunteers offering to shoulder arms with Nippon troops.

And at every opportunity the natives have been active in mopping-up enemy troops as well as native marauders infesting the regions. For example, Guin Vanhong and five other Indo-Chinese volunteers one evening last month were working shoulder-to-shoulder with Nippon troops transporting military supplies, when taking advantage of the moonlight, scores of guerrillas attempted to interfere with our supply route.

Guin Vanhong and five other Indo-Chinese volunteers immediately took up position with our forces and gallantly fought and repulsed these guerrillas as transportation of our supplies continued without a hitch. However, in the encounter these volunteers received mortal wounds and died gallant deaths. The Nippon forces praised their gallantry in defending their homeland and pledged to avenge their deaths.

Dr. Wang On Chungking Aim Behind Resistance

Lisbon, Aug. 2 (Domei)—Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, newly-appointed Chungking Foreign Minister, in his first foreign press conference after taking over his new post, yesterday declared that Chungking was fighting Nippon not with the idea of "vengeance" but to see that the "requirements" of justice and security are adequately met, according to a Chungking dispatch.

The new Chungking Foreign Minister pledged that Chungking will adhere faithfully to the United Nations Charter. Wang's utterance impressed foreign correspondents as being relatively mild as compared to the vindictive statements regarding Nippon issued hitherto by Chungking leaders.

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Direct Hits Scored On Warcraft Off Wake Is.

Tokyo, August 3 (Domei)—Nippon shore batteries scored direct hits and repulsed enemy surface craft which shelled Otorishima on Wednesday morning, according to a dispatch reaching here from a Nippon base in the Central Pacific today.

The dispatch said the bombardment of the island, formerly known as Wake Island, followed a bombing attack by scores of enemy carrier aircraft. Enemy battleships, destroyers and also submarines were reported to have participated in the bombardment.

Meanwhile, inquiries made by authoritative military quarters here today revealed that this enemy attack on Otorishima was erroneously reported yesterday to have been one on Oshima of the Izu Group. It is understood a mistake in the identity of the island attacked was made in the course of wireless transmission.

Serious Czech-German Tension Reported At Usti

Zurich, Aug. 2 (Domei)—Indicating that serious tension has arisen between the Czechs and the German minority residing inside Czechoslovak territory, a Prague dispatch today said that martial law has been declared at Usti, industrial town near the German frontier, after the Germans set fire to a cable works there on Tuesday.

The Czechs were said to be demanding the immediate deportation of all Germans from the town, which was promised by the authorities for yesterday.

The dispatch said that nearly 50 persons were killed and about 40 severely injured and 120 slightly wounded in the fire and explosions at the Usti cable works. About 150 workers' houses have been wrecked by the blast, it said.

"Izvestia" Criticises Br. Commander's Action

Lisbon, August 2 (Domei)—In a short article entitled "An Incredible Occurrence", the influential Soviet journal "Izvestia" today criticized the action of General Thorn, British Commander in Norway, in pardoning a German officer who shot a Russian in a Norwegian camp. Declaring that it was difficult to understand the motives behind such mercy, the "Izvestia" said that General Thorn set a new precedent, namely, that a German officer can kill whomsoever and whenever he wishes, especially Russians, but it is forbidden to kill a German officer for such an action.

"The Soviet public and all honest people are not disposed to treat killers so mercifully," the journal said. It indirectly charged the British General with retaining "something of the former respect for the German military caste."

United States Senate Adjourned Till Oct.

Lisbon, Aug. 2 (Domei)—The United States Senate adjourned last night until Oct. 8, according to a Washington dispatch.

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